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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

AGENDA ITEM NO. 52

The Chief Executive Officer has proposed changes to the Department of Health Services' 2007-08 Adopted Budget to add 357 budgeted positions at Harbor-UCLA and Rancho Los Amigos for additional beds to help meet the medical needs of patients previously served by Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital (MLK). Although the recommendation to add these positions did not take into account the budgeted positions that are no longer needed at MLK, there are still unanswered questions regarding the additions and deletions of positions. The CEO has now provided us with some recommendations to delete those positions and other costs at MLK and to make the necessary revenue adjustments related to those reductions.

Another concern is that DHS must ensure that all qualified employees previously at MLK who can work in the recommended new budgeted positions at Harbor and Rancho are transferred to those positions rather than to new positions throughout DHS.

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DHS must provide us with a report that gives us those assurances. Bringing in new County employees to fill those positions instead of reassigning qualified MLK employees, as appropriate, will only make the pending DHS deficit worse.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board:

1. Approve Item Number 52, the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations regarding adjustments to the Department of Health Services 2007-08 Adopted Budget, and the additional recommendations in his related memorandum, including the deletion of budgeted positions at MLK, adjustments to revenues related to those costs, and recognition of the SB 474 South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund.

2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Health Services to report back within 30 days on efforts to match qualified MLK employees to the new positions at Harbor and Rancho prior to considering new hires; and

3. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to place the Department of Health Services on a hiring freeze, pending receipt of that report.

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